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Federal Communications Commission
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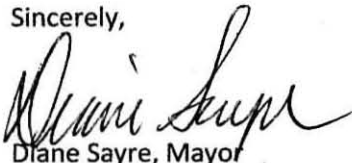
Members of the Commission:

Established in 1857, the City of Caruthersville, Missouri, is dependent upon the mighty Mississippi River. This key resource provides the necessary infrastructure for the development of commerce and agricultural growth. In order for Caruthersville to continue to prosper in the 21st century, it is vitally important to have access to a wireless broadband infrastructure.

Broadband technology has spurred innovation and new opportunities in virtually all aspects of life. This progress must continue. The proposed AT&T/T-Mobile merger will extend the current network capacity and let more people gain access to the latest in mobile broadband technology. The proposed merger is expected to extend coverage to an additional 55 million Americans, or 97 percent of the country. This access will reach rural communities like Caruthersville which must have access to broadband internet service in order to attract and retain businesses. Without this access, rural communities will continue to be at a disadvantage in reaching new markets and competing for business.

Caruthersville is progressive and focused on enhancing the quality of life for all residents. This merger has the potential to transform my community and make the region more competitive. By bridging the technology gap between rural and urban America, a strong foundation may be built for advancements in education, healthcare and job creation. I urge you to support this merger.

Sincerely,



Diane Sayre, Mayor

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Cc:

Chairman Julius Genachowski, Commissioner Michael Copps, Commissioner, Robert McDowell, and Commissioner Mignon Clyburn